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Googins Helps Rally for Diabetes Alert Day



HARTFORD- State Representative Sonny Googins (R-Glastonbury) and the American Diabetes Association cosponsored Diabetes Alert Day today at the State Capitol. Representative Googins serves as the Connecticut and a National Advocate for Cure for Diabetes. Governor M. Jodi Rell has declared today Diabetes Alert Day in the state, aiming to bring

awareness of the risks of diabetes, and the health problems that can be associated with it.

A Reception was held in the 2nd Floor Atrium of the Legislative Office Building where ten advocates from Connecticut were honored for their work in the fight against diabetes. Also, blood glucose level tests were conducted during the day. Also, as part of the event, over fifty legislators became advocates, and will deliver diabetes literature to over 120 Connecticut towns, to be left in town halls, libraries and senior centers. Charles Mager, a 12-year-old youth advocate addressed the group.

Senator Joe Crisco (D) and Daneen Richards; ADA Executive Director, joined Representative Googins in presenting awards. The ten honorees include:

Steve Wronker – Reaching People Award – Hartford Walk 2005
Mark Peel – Recruiting People Award – Tour de Cure 2005
Warren Scholl – Raising Dollars Award – New London Walk 2005
Chad Nelson – Top Fundraiser Award – Tour de Cure 2005
Ray Hasson – Top Fundraiser Award – New London Walk 2005
Don Zettervall, RPh, CDE, CDM – Leadership Award – Diabetes EXPO 2005
Alan Budney – Volunteer Award 2005
Paula Santiago – Volunteer Award – Springfield MA Walk 2005
Ed Mercadante – President & CEO – Familymeds, Inc – 2006 Hall of Merit Gala
Honoree
Dr. Robert Sherwin – Yale School of Medicine – 2006 Hall of Merit Gala

“This Day is a great way to celebrate the selfless dedication of a number of advocates in this state who have given a great deal of their resources, time, and effort in combating diabetes,” said Representative Googins. “We do this while bringing added awareness to the medical risks and complications that can be associated with diabetes. Those who have diabetes must deal with it twenty-four hours a day, and our aim is to keep those who struggle with it healthy, while we ultimately aim at finding a cure.”